IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Kamal Nath, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of Clause (d) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Prodcuts Export Development Authority Act, 1985 (2 of 1986), read with Rule 3 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Rules, 1986, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a member of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of Implementation of the Recommendations Contained in the First and Third Reports of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): Sir, I beg to lay a Statement regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the First and Third Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on the Table of the House.

Status of Implementation of the Recommendations Contained in the Third Report of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): Sir, I beg to lay a Statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2004-05) of the Ministry of Planning on the Table of the House.

Status of Implementation of the Recommendations Contained in the Second Report of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): Sir, I lay a Statement regarding the status of

implementation of the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs' on the Table of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the following letter has been received from Dr. (Shrimati) Najma A. Heptulla stating that she is unable to attend the House till 18th August, 2005, due to treatment of her husband in the United States of America. She has therefore, requested for the grant of Leave of Absence from 25th July to 18th August, 2005, during the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does she have the permission of the House to remain absent from all meetings of the House during the current session?

(No. Hon. Member dissented)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have also to inform the Members that the following letter has been received from Dr. K. Malaisamy stating that he is unable to attend the House from 8th August, 2005, till the end of the current Session due to his private visit to U.S.A., U.K. and Netherlands to address a Conference. He has, therefore, requested for the grant of Leave of Absence from 8th August, 2005, till the end of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House to remain absent from all meetings of the House during the current session?

(No. Hon. Member dissented)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted. The House is adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11.00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at twenty-seven minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Friday, the 12th August, 2005.